

THE SPEECHES

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Mr. John Dean,
And Mr. Lucas,

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Upon passing of the Sentence of Death, against Col. Penruddock,
Col. Jones, Mr. Lucas, and Mr. Dean, to be drawn, hang'd, and
quartered, upon a Charge of High Treason, for luying War
against the Lord Protector, and the present Government,
and being remanded back from the Bar, to the place from
whence they came, they betook themselves to private medita-
tion, and reluctancy of spirit, each man preparing himself for so great and
sudden a change, and thereupon immediatly drew up their distinct speech-
es, to the end, they might have a free passage in their life-time, and be pre-
served from splitting upon the obscure Rockes at the hour of Death: The
which being communicated to my hands, I shal impartially represent you
with the true Copies, as followeth:

The Speech of Col. Penruddock before the time of his Execution.

Christian People, Countrey men, and Friends,

I Am come hither to die, and to submit to that Judgment which hath pas-
sed against me; nay, I am brought hither to die, and I do it with a very
quiet and contented mind; I thank God, I do freely forgive all the world,
a forgiveness, that is not spoken from the teeth outwards (as they say) but

from the very heart, I speak it in the presence of Almighty God, before whom I stand, that there is not a displeasing thought arising in me towards any man living. I thank God I can say it, and truly too, my Conscience bearing me witness, that is what I have done, I never had any thing in the purpose of my heart, but what tended to the joynt and individual prosperity of the Head and Members.

I am not the first that hath suffered in this kind; it is the common portion of us all while we are in this life to err, Righteous Judgment we must wait for in another place, for here we are very subject to be mis-judged one of another.

For my Death, I here acquit all the world, and beseech the Lord God of Heaven heartily to forgive them that are accessary to it. As for my Native Countrey, I wish it all the prosperity and happiness in the World, I did it living, and now dying it is my wish, I do most humbly recommend this to every one that hears me, and desire they would lay their hands upon their hearts, and consider seriously whether the beginning of the happiness and reformation of a people should be written in Letters of blood: consider this when you are at your homes, and let me be never so unhappy, as that the last drop of my blood should rise up in Judgment against any one of you, but I fear you are in a wrong way.

As touching my Religion, I profess that I die a true and obedient Son to the Church of England, wherein I was born, and in which I was bred in peace and prosperity be ever to it. I have alwayes been fearful of offending Almighty God, according to the grace he hath given me, and my Allegiance hath been incorporated into my Religion. Blessed be Almighty God that hath called me to the knowledge of him, and this ready Obedience which I pray, and mercifully accepting of my Saviour, and patient Death: And I beseech you all whatsoever you are, That you will accompany me with your prayers, whereby my soul may be assisted within me, in that passage to my Saviour, whither I am a going.

I have desired to serve God according to his Commandements; I have begged mercy of God for all my offences to him, and have had my pardon sealed from Heaven by the blood of my Saviour.

I beg pardon of all whosoever, whether I have offended them, or no, I truly forgive them, and have besought Almighty God to power his blessings upon them.

I accuse no man, I find fault nor quarrel with no man; neither with the persons

persons that were the occasions, they were but the Instruments; neither at the persons condemning. I accept thankfully the Sentence of Death upon my self; and I beseech Almighty God that I may be the last that may suffer upon this score, or upon any other. And so farewell dear Friends, and all the things of this World.

Col. Jone's Speech before the time of Execution.

Christian Friends,

YOU are this day come hither to behold a sad Spectacle, a man to be un-
man'd in the moment of an hour; and a man to be taken off in the
prime of his years: but I shall not speak to the sequel of Action, but sub-
mit rather to the Divine power and permission of the God of Heaven, who
is pleased to chastise me with his Rod, for drawing of me neerer to his pre-
sence: And truly I bless God for it, I do not fear, I have an assurance that
is grounded upon my heart, which gives me more joy then ever I had: I
pass out of a miserable World, to go into an eternal and glorious King-
dom; and though I have been a most sinful Creature, yet Gods mercy I
know is infinite, and I bless my God for it, I go with a cleer Conscience,
knowing that what is due in righteous judgment, is quitted, and satisfac-
tion made by my elder brother *Christ Jesus*, in whom, I have no opportu-
nity to glorifie God more, then by taking shame to my self upon the Cross;
Which that I may do, I desire your prayers in this great Work, desiring the
most high and eternal God to forgive me, as I freely forgive all the World;
and so the Lord go along with you in mercy.

Mr.

Mr. John Lucas his Speech.

Gentlemen, and Friends,

I Am this day come hither by the good will and pleasure of Almighty God, to pay that last debt I owe to sin, which is Death; and by the blessing of that God, to rise again through the merits of Jesus Christ to righteousness and life eternal; I come not here to justify my self, but shall rather confess as the poor Publican did, *God be merciful to me a sinner*. I desire your prayers to God for me, and I pray to God for you, that no one drop of my blood may be required at any mans hands. I forgive all the World, with as full and as free a heart as mortal man can; and I beseech the most high and eternal God in Heaven to forgive me mine, the omnipotent Jehovah of heaven and earth, that seeth, heareth, and beholdeth, knows that I lie not. I have desired with unfained desire and hearty affection to be dissolved, and to be with Christ, knowing that it shall be better for me, being assured thereby to be freed from the miseries of sin, and enter into a life of eternal peace and happiness.

As for my Accusers, I pity them, and desire they may be so happy as to be taken up betimes, before they have drunk up more blood of Christian men, possibly less deserving then my self. And as for the Cause in which I began to wade, I must needs say it lay no scruple upon my Conscience; it was on principles of Liberty and Freedom: and I bless God I find no blackness upon my Conscience, for pursuing those wayes, nor have I put it into the bed-roll of my sins.

I desire God to honour himself, in prospering that side that hath right with it, and that you may enjoy peace and plenty, when I shall enjoy peace and plenty, beyond all you possess here. For the business of death, it is a sad Sentence in it self, if men consult with flesh and blood: But truly without boasting, I say it, or if I do boast, I boast in the Lord, I have not to this minute had one consultation with the flesh about the Ladder, or one thought of the Rope, more then as my passe port to glory. I desire you now that you would pray for me, and not give over praying till the hour of death, nor till the moment of death, for the time is neer at hand, that as I have a great load of sins, so I may have the Wings of your prayers to help those Angels that are to convey my soul to heaven, there to rejoyce with the Saints and Angels for evermore.

Mr.

*Mr. John Dean his Speech.***GENTLEMEN,**

YOU see here in what condition I stand, and many of you (I conceive) come here to look upon me as a spectacle of shame and Justice, being possess'd with very great Crimes that I have committed of Treason, for which my Conscience knows no guilt of. It hath pleased God to bring me to this end for my sins to him, which I acknowledge to be just, but not for any sins of Treason. And although I find the Cross a death of shame, yet the shame must be despised; or there is no coming to the right hand of God; Christ Jesus despised the shame for me, and God forbid but I should despise the shame for him: And for the time that I have been in this Race and transitory Pilgrimage, I hope I have now finished my course, by laying hold of the Anchor of Faith, Christ Jesus, who is the Author and finisher thereof; and that I am sayling to the Land of Promise, I have an inward assurance: For truly in my conversation in the world, I do not know where I have an enemy with cause, or that there is such a person whom I have to regret; but if there be any whom I cannot recollect, under the notion of Christian men, I pardon them as freely, as if I had named them by name, I freely forgive them, being in free peace with all the world, as I desire God for Christs sake to be at peace with me. And so the Lord of Heaven bless you all, God Almighty be infinite in goodness and mercy to you, and direct you in the ways of Obedience to the Commands of lawfull Authority, that the Nation may be happy and glorious, and the Subjects indued with all peace and tranquility to future Posterities.

These Speeches, and the ensuing Prayer of Mr. Dean, were intentionally penned to be delivered at the several places of Execution; which (according to Order) were appointed to be observed and kept on Thursday and Fryday last.

The Prayer of Mr Deane before the time of Execution.

O Eternal God and merciful Father, look down upon me in mercy, in the riches and fulness of all thy mercies look upon me, but not till thou hast nailed my sins to the Cross of Christ; look upon me, but not till thou hast bathed me in the blood of Christ, not till thou hast bathed me in the wounds of Christ, that so the punishment that is due to my sins, may pass away and go over me; and since thou art pleased to try me to the uttermost, I humbly beseech thee give me now in this great instant full patience, proportionable comfort, and a heart ready to die. O Lord, I am coming as fast as I can, I know I must pass through the shadow of death before I can come to see thee, but it is but umbra mortis, a meer shadow of death, a little darkness upon nature, but thou by thy merits and passion hast broke the jawes of Death; so Lord receive my soul, and have mercy upon me, and blesse this Nation with peace and plenty, and with brotherly love and charity, that there may not be the effusion of Christian blood amongst them, for Jesus Christ sake, if it be thy will. Our Father, &c.

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